



Backflow Prevention and Cross-Connection Control Policy

In September the Alabaster Water Board updated it's Backflow Prevention and Cross-Connection Policy to allow for more efficient and effective compliance with the following rules and regulations that govern drinking water distribution systems across the US:

- The Federal Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974 (and Amendments) – Public Law 93-523.
- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) – Cross Connection Control Manual, 2003.
- The Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM), Division 7, Water Supply Program, Code R. 335-7-9 – Cross Connection Control Requirements, Effective: May 2009.
- Statutory Authority: Code of Alabama 1975, Section 22-23-33, 22-23-49, 22-22A-5, and 22-22A-6.

The updated policy is designed to allow for a clear timeline and roles and responsibilities for compliance.

On February 1st of each year AWB will notify its customers of their responsibilities for testing and the April 1st deadline for reporting their backflow test results. Any results submitted after April 1st each year are considered late and will be subject to a \$30.00 fee, on April 1st a second letter will be sent to customers who are out of compliance with the April 1st deadline, and 30 days will be given to come into compliance or a second \$30.00 fee will be assessed. In addition to the second \$30.00 fee, any customer who is not in compliance with the May 1st deadline will be subject to disconnection and an \$80.00 processing fee.

As the local water provider Alabaster Water Board has teamed up with Aqua Backflow, who specializes in the implementation and management of backflow testing throughout the country. Aqua Backflow has a robust database of licensed and certified backflow testing providers as well as forms for the testing provider to use for assessing backflow conditions. All testing shall be submitted to Aqua Backflow through their website at <https://www.aquabackflow.com/trackmybackflow>.

If you have any questions regarding this policy or in accessing [trackmybackflow.com](https://www.aquabackflow.com/trackmybackflow)(s) website please contact Alabaster Water Board at 205-663-6155 or at www.alabasterwater.com.